

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF LICENSURE :
PROCEEDINGS :

RE: TIFFINEY NOLAND, RN, CRNA, :
License Nos. R0029626 :
CR000597 :

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
CONSENT ORDER

Licensee.

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WHEREAS, Tiffiney Marie Noland, R.N., CRNA ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse and a certified nurse anesthetist in the State of South Dakota and holds License numbers R0029626 and CR000597; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 2, 2009, the South Dakota Board of Nursing received a complaint alleging the licensee had a substance use disorder involving prescription medications. The investigation into this complaint revealed a drug profile with 22 different prescribers and 7 different pharmacies. Licensee had been terminated from Avera Sacred Heart Hospital on January 26, 2009 for attendance issues beginning in February 2008. Licensee was unable to attend her Informal Meeting with the Board of Nursing investigator on or about September 23, 2009 as she had been hospitalized. Licensee voluntarily refrained from practice and has admitted to the Board that she does have a substance use disorder involving multiple prescription medications and is taking

efforts to address these issues; and

WHEREAS, Licensee has agreed that she would surrender her South Dakota nursing license; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("the Board") has a statutory obligation to protect the public health, safety, and welfare set forth in SDCL §36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners; and

WHEREAS, Licensee agrees that the matters under investigation would be of a nature that would constitute grounds for the discipline of her license to practice nursing in South Dakota under SDCL § 36-9-49; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee agrees that she enters into this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order voluntarily and without duress or compulsion, in full understanding of the legal consequences of this document and her rights; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order.
2. That on or about July 2, 2009, the South Dakota Board of Nursing received a complaint alleging the licensee had a substance use disorder involving prescription medications. The investigation into this complaint revealed a drug profile with 22 different prescribers and 7 different pharmacies. Licensee had been terminated from

Avera Sacred Heart Hospital on January 26, 2009 for attendance issues beginning in February 2008. Licensee was unable to attend her Informal Meeting with the Board of Nursing investigator on or about September 23, 2009 as she had been hospitalized. Licensee voluntarily refrained from practice and has admitted to the Board that she does have a substance use disorder involving multiple prescription medications and is taking efforts to address these issues. Licensee has agreed that she would surrender her South Dakota nursing licenses.

3. That the Licensee has been given an opportunity to discuss this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order with an attorney of Licensee's choice, and is aware of her right to a hearing in this matter, and of her rights under the United States and South Dakota Constitutions, laws, rules and/or regulations. Licensee hereby voluntarily waives all such rights to a hearing, notice, appearance, or any other rights under said Constitutions, laws, rules and/or regulations. Licensee also agrees that the Board's Executive Director or her designee may present this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order to the Board and disclose to the Board all items of her investigation, including, but not limited to, any communications with Licensee.

4. That the Licensee's licenses to practice nursing in South Dakota and her privilege to practice nursing pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact shall be surrendered and the Board shall suspend said license for an indefinite period from the

9. That the Board may enter an Order consistent with the terms of this Stipulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the foregoing Voluntary Surrender Consent Order is entered into and is respectfully submitted to the Board with the request that the Board adopt its terms as an Order of the Board in the above matter.

Dated this 29th day of July, 2010.


Tiffney Noland, R.N./CRNA, Licensee

The South Dakota Board of Nursing meeting on the 30th day of June, 2010, (approved)(rejected) the attached Voluntary Surrender Consent Order (as written)(with the following modifications):
and issued its Order as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Voluntary Surrender Consent Order is adopted as shown herein by the South Dakota Board of Nursing this 30th day of June, 2010, by vote of 7-0.


Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director
South Dakota Board of Nursing